

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback system comprising an information-signal reading apparatus ~~for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on copyright protection,~~ and an information-signal processing apparatus ~~for receiving said main information signal and said information on said copyright protection received from said information signal reading apparatus, said~~ the information-signal reading apparatus comprising:

readout means for reading out said identification information ~~on said copyright protection,~~ from said a recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting said the identification information to create encrypted identification information ~~on said copyright protection read out by said readout means;~~ and

output means for supplying, to said the information-signal processing apparatus, said the encrypted identification information, ~~on said copyright protection as encrypted by said encryption means,~~ and said the same identification information, ~~on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information signal~~

~~reading apparatus~~, and a said main information signal ~~on which~~ includes said copy control information ~~is embedded~~; and

~~said~~ the information-signal processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing the encrypted identification information and the identification information;

decryption means for decrypting the encrypted identification information ~~on said~~ ~~copyright protection~~ received from said the information-signal reading apparatus;

comparing means for comparing the ~~decryption~~ decrypted identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ with the ~~unencrypted~~ identification information, ~~on said copyright protection~~ to judge if an attempt to alter the identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ has been performed; and

control means for controlling predetermined processing carried out on ~~said~~ the main information signal on the basis of ~~said~~ the ~~unencrypted~~ identification information, ~~on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus~~, ~~said~~ the decrypted identification information ~~on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption carried out by said decryption means~~, ~~said~~ the judgment of whether an attempt to alter the identification information ~~on the copyright protection~~ has been performed, and ~~said~~ the copy control information.

2. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein ~~said~~ the identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ is media-type information indicating the type of ~~said~~ the recording medium.

3. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein ~~said~~ the encryption means employed in ~~said~~ the information-signal reading apparatus encrypts ~~said~~ the identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ in accordance with a CSS system.

4. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to ~~said~~ the main information signal recorded on ~~said~~ the recording medium;

~~said~~ the information-signal processing apparatus ~~is provided with~~ includes a ~~information indicating never-copy or one-copy~~ detecting means for detecting ~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to ~~said~~ the main information signal received from ~~said~~ the information-signal reading apparatus; and

~~said~~ the control means controls the predetermined processing carried out on ~~said~~ the main information signal by taking ~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-

copy control implementation detected by ~~said~~ the information-signal detecting means into consideration.

5. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback system according to claim 4 wherein:

~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is ~~information~~ superposed on ~~said~~ the main information signal; and

~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control detecting means employed in ~~said~~ the information-signal processing apparatus detects the superposed information on ~~said~~ the main information signal.

6-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading apparatus ~~for reading out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and for supplying said signal and said information to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal reading apparatus comprising:~~

readout means for reading out ~~said~~ identification information ~~on said copyright protection from said~~ a recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting ~~said~~ the identification information to create
encrypted identification information ~~on said copyright protection read out by said~~
~~readout means; and~~

output means for supplying, to an ~~said~~ information-signal processing apparatus,
~~said~~ the encrypted identification information, ~~on said copyright protection as encrypted~~
~~by said encryption means; and said~~ the same identification information, ~~on said~~
~~copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal~~
~~reading apparatus; and said~~ a main information signal ~~on which~~ includes ~~said~~ copy
control information ~~is embodied; and~~

wherein the information-signal processing apparatus comprises:

storage means for storing the encrypted identification information and the
identification information; and

comparing means for decrypting the encrypted identification information and
comparing the ~~encrypted~~ decrypted identification information ~~on said copyright~~
~~protection~~ with the ~~unencrypted~~ identification information ~~on said copyright protection to~~
judge if an attempt to alter the identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ has
been performed.

14. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading apparatus according to
claim 13 wherein ~~said~~ the identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ is media-type
information indicating the type of ~~said~~ the recording medium.

15. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading apparatus according to claim 13 wherein ~~said~~ the encryption means employed in ~~said~~ the information-signal reading apparatus encrypts ~~said~~ the identification information an copyright protection in accordance with a CSS system.

16-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus, ~~for receiving a main information signal, encrypted information on copyright protection and unencrypted information on copyright protection, said information-signal processing apparatus comprising:~~

~~output means for supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on said copyright protection as encrypted by encryption means, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy-control information is embodied;~~

storage means for storing identification information and encrypted identification information created by encrypting the identification information;

~~decrypting means for decrypting said the encrypted identification information on said copyright protection;~~

comparing means for comparing the decrypted identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ with the ~~unencrypted~~ identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ to judge if an attempt to alter the identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ has been performed; and

control means for controlling predetermined processing carried out on a said main information signal that includes copy control information on the basis of ~~said the~~ unencrypted identification information, ~~on said copyright protection, the decrypted~~ identification information, ~~on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption~~ carried out by ~~said decryption means~~, ~~said the~~ judgment of whether an attempt to alter the identification information ~~on the copyright protection~~ has been performed, and ~~said the~~ copy control information.

21. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein ~~said the~~ identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ is media-type information indicating the type of ~~said the~~ recording medium.

22. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein ~~said the~~ encrypted identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ is information encrypted in accordance with a CSS system.

23. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to ~~said~~ the main information signal;

~~information indicating never-copy or one-copy~~ a detecting means is provided for detecting ~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to ~~said~~ the main information signal; and

~~said~~ the control means controls an operation to output ~~said~~ the main information signal by taking ~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation detected by ~~said~~ the information-signal detecting means into consideration.

24. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 23 wherein:

~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is ~~information~~ superposed on ~~said~~ the main information signal; and

~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one copy detecting means detects the superposed information on ~~said~~ the main information signal.

25-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback method ~~for driving an information-signal reading apparatus to read out a main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright protection and supply said main information signal and said information on said copyright protection to an information-signal processing apparatus, said information-signal playback method~~ comprising the steps of:

~~driving said information-signal reading apparatus to supply, supplying to said information-signal processing apparatus, said identification information on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same encrypted identification information created by encrypting the identification information, on said copyright in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said a main information signal on which includes copy control information is embedded;~~

storing the encrypted identification information and the identification information in a storage means;

~~driving said information-signal processing apparatus to decrypt decrypting said the encrypted identification information on said copyright protection received from said information-signal reading apparatus;~~

~~driving said information-signal processing apparatus to control controlling~~ predetermined processing carried out on a said main information signal on the basis of said the unencrypted identification information, on said copyright protection received

~~from said information-signal reading apparatus, said the decrypted identification~~
~~information, on said copyright protection obtained as a result of decryption and said the~~
copy control information; and

comparing the decrypted identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~
with the ~~unencrypted~~ identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ to judge if an
attempt to alter the identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ has been
performed.

33. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback method according to
claim 32 wherein ~~said the identification information on copyright protection~~ is media-type
information indicating the type of ~~said the~~ recording medium.

34. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback method according to
claim 32 further including the step of encrypting ~~said the identification information on~~
~~copyright protection~~ in accordance with a CSS system.

35. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback method according to
claim 32;

wherein information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for
controlling a copy operation has been added to ~~said the~~ main information signal
recorded on ~~said the~~ recording medium,

~~said the~~ information-signal playback method further including the step of ~~driving-~~
~~said information-signal processing apparatus to detect~~ detecting ~~said the~~ information
indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to ~~said the~~ main
information signal; and

~~control~~ controlling predetermined processing carried out on ~~said the~~ main
information signal by taking ~~said the~~ detected information indicating never-copy or one-
copy control implementation into consideration.

36. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback method according to
claim 35;

wherein ~~said the~~ information indicating never-copy or one-copy control
implementation is ~~information~~ superposed on ~~said the~~ main information signal, ~~said the~~
information-signal playback method further including the step of ~~driving-said information-~~
~~signal processing apparatus to detect~~ detecting the superposed information on ~~said the~~
main information signal.

37-43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading method ~~for reading out a~~
~~main information signal and information on copyright protection from a recording-~~
~~medium containing said main information signal and information on at least copyright-~~

~~protection and for supplying said signal and said information to an information-signal-
processing apparatus, said information-signal reading method comprising the step of:~~

~~supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said identification
information, ~~on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same encrypted~~
identification information created by encrypting the identification information, on said
~~copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal-
reading apparatus, and a said main information signal on which includes copy control~~
~~information; is embodied and~~~~

~~storing the encrypted identification information and the identification information
in a storage means;~~

~~decrypting and comparing the encrypted identification information ~~on said~~
~~copyright protection~~ with the ~~unencrypted~~ identification information ~~on said copyright-~~
~~protection~~ to judge if an attempt to alter the identification information ~~on said copyright-~~
~~protection~~ has been performed.~~

45. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading method according to
claim 44 wherein ~~said~~ the identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ is media-type
information indicating the type of ~~said~~ the recording medium.

46. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading method according to claim 44 further including the step of encrypting ~~said~~ the identification information on copyright protection in accordance with a CSS system.

47-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing method ~~for receiving a main information signal, encrypted information on copyright protection and unencrypted information on copyright protection, said information-signal processing method comprising the steps of:~~

~~supplying, to said information-signal processing apparatus, said information on copyright protection as encrypted, and said same information on said copyright protection in an unencrypted form as received from said information-signal reading apparatus, and said main information signal on which copy control information is embodied;~~

storing identification information and encrypted identification information created by encrypting the identification information in a storage means;

~~decrypting said the encrypted identification information on copyright protection;~~

~~comparing the decrypted identification information on said copyright protection with the unencrypted identification information on said copyright protection to judge if an~~

attempt to alter the identification information ~~on said copyright protection~~ has been performed; and

controlling predetermined processing carried out on ~~a said~~ main information signal including copy control information on the basis of ~~said the unencrypted~~ identification information, ~~on said copyright protection~~, the decrypted identification information, ~~on said copyright protection~~, said the judgment of whether an attempt to alter the identification information ~~on the copyright protection~~ has been performed, and ~~said the~~ copy control information.

52. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein ~~said the~~ identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ is media-type information indicating the type of ~~said the~~ recording medium.

53. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein ~~said the~~ encrypted identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ is information encrypted in accordance with a CSS system.

54. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for
controlling a copy operation has been added to ~~said~~ the main information signal; and
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~~said~~ the information-signal processing method further comprising; ~~including the~~
~~steps of~~

detecting ~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control
implementation added to ~~said~~ the main information signal;

controlling the predetermined processing carried out on ~~said~~ the main information
signal by taking ~~said~~ the detected information indicating never-copy or one-copy control
implementation into consideration.

55. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing method according to
claim 54 wherein ~~said~~ the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control
implementation is ~~information~~ superposed on ~~said~~ the main information signal, ~~said~~ the
information-signal processing method further including the step of detecting the
superposed information on ~~said~~ the main information signal.

56-62. (Canceled)